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HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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ON-GOING PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the status of all the on-going projects being executed by Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL) particularly those in Maharashtra has been reviewed recently as reported in the "Times of India" dated July 3,2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether there has been a demand from the State Government to expediting the commissioning of these projects; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a) to (d): The status of all the on-going projects executed by Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL) are regularly reviewed in the Ministry. The Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises had made a special review of the projects being executed by BHEL in Maharashtra alongwith Energy Minister of the State Government on 27.6.2007. BHEL have already synchronized New Parli Unit 1(250 MW) and Paras Unit 1(250 MW) in February 2007 and May 2007 respectively. Parli Unit 1 is presently running at rated capacity. In addition, BHEL has been awarded contracts for New Parli 2 (250 MW) and Paras 2 (250 MW) in August, 2006 and Khaperkheda (1x500 MW) and Bhusawal (2x500 MW) in January, 2007 with commissioning due in the year 2009 and 2010 respectively. BHEL is also actively involved in revival of Dabhol Plant which was non operational for the past 5 years. Block II (740 MW) of this plant has already been recommissioned. The Government of Maharashtra has made request to expedite these projects in view of critical power situation in Maharashtra.

Involvement of BHEL in the above projects in Maharashtra is limited to Boiler and Turbine Generator package (BTG), which constitute around 55-60% of the total work involved. Civil works and Balance of Plant (BOP) are being executed by Mahagenco (Maharashtra State Power Generation Company) through other contractors and the commissioning of the units depends on availability of inputs and readiness by Mahagenco. Mahagenco and BHEL are jointly making best efforts to expedite the commissioning of these projects.